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TO: All Residential Treatment providers and Community Mental Health Rehabilitative Services providers participating in the Virginia Medical Assistance Program, Managed Care Organizations providing services to Virginia Medicaid recipients, and holders of the *Community Mental Health Rehabilitative Services* and *Psychiatric Services* manual

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MEMO Special

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SUBJECT: Clarification of Billing for Residential Treatment Services for Children and Adolescents

The purpose of this memorandum is to clarify the billing procedures for Medicaid funded Residential Treatment for Children and Adolescents. It describes the circumstances under which other services can be billed at the same time as Residential Treatment services and when they cannot.

Medicaid funded Residential Treatment Services for Children and Adolescents may not be billed concurrently with any Community Mental Health Rehabilitative Services (also referred to as State Plan Option Services). The residential treatment provider is expected to provide a therapeutic onsite program, within a structured setting and tailored to the individual child's needs. Because other services, such as Day Treatment, would be duplicative, they may not be billed to Medicaid while the child is in residential treatment.

There are two exceptions to the prohibition against billing Community Mental Health Rehabilitative Services while a child is receiving Residential Treatment Services for Children and Adolescents; they are Intensive In-Home Services for Children and Adolescents (Z8503) and Case Management (Z8516). These two services may be billed for up to seven days, immediately upon admission to a residential facility or immediately prior to discharge from a residential facility, to transition the child from home to the residential setting or from the residential setting to the home, as is applicable. Aside from these two situations, these services may not be billed while a child is in a residential treatment facility.

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